



**TAURANGA GEM & MINERAL CLUB INC**

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**GEMZONE**

**June 2022**

**VILLAGE GEMS**

**TAURANGA GEM & MINERAL CLUB Inc.**

**HISTORIC VILLAGE**

**17TH AVE TAURANGA**

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Colin & Bev Simmons

# June Club Events

## Workshop

Every Tuesday night from 6pm to 7-30pm.

Use of the workshop during shop hours:

\$2 per hour

Please pay at the counter

## Club Night

Monday 13th June

**Please don't attend if you are unwell**

Masks are required to enter building

**Juniors from 6 pm – 7.30pm**

Oamaru stone carving

**Seniors at 7.30pm**

Training in the workshop

**Silent Auction** The silent auction is a collection of Australia stones and minerals.

Finds for the interest table

## Committee - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Month

15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Meet at the clubrooms.

## Field Trip

24 June Friday ( **Matariki Day – Holiday** )

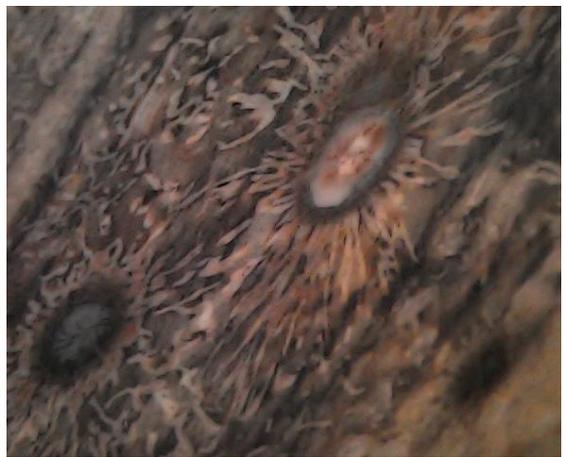
**Kiritehere Beach for marine fossils (Monotis)**

Meet 10.45am at layby over bridge at Kiritehere beach which is off Soundy Rd.

Hammer and rock chisel recommended

**NOTE:** Contact Graham if you need to carpool. Do check your email in case of bad weather. Graham Hill: 027 2566399 / 07 552 4496  
Remember to bring your camera.

**Field Trip cancellations:** TGMC takes the safety of its members seriously and has the right to cancel field trips in the event of severe weather warnings or other factors that prevent any trip from taking place. News about changes, postponements or cancellations to a proposed field trip will be advised via email and posted on the Facebook page as soon as possible.



Stone Of The Month  
Rhyolite

## Collection Viewing Night Last Wed of Month

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm

Graeme and Sharon Dewhurst place.  
338 Otumoetai Rd

**Please Don't Attend If Unwell**

Please bring a plate to share for supper and any rocks or fossils for identification or discussion.

## Club notices

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WANTED: Mechanically minded person to help Bryce in the workshop

The Last thing a rock will  
See before going home  
With me



TGMC Committee Members 2020 and other Club Officers		
President Shared	Graeme Dewhurst	576 7874
	Carla van den Hout	552 5175
Vice President Shared	Carla van den Hout	552 5175
	Graeme Dewhurst	576 7874
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Library/Museum	Marcel Authier	572 3034
	John Clark	022 0206812
Maintenance	Bryce Cooper	0276950606
Microscopes		
Silent Auction	Ian Mason	021 235 5818

## New Zealand Events

**2022** – National Show. To be hosted by the Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club.

**TGMC Show 7-9 October-  
Tauranga**

**Australian events**

# Health & Safety Matters

Health & Safety for The Workshop

Please note that the club can no longer provide earmuffs and safety glasses for use in the workshop, due to hygiene regulations.

Therefore **we ask everyone who will use the workshop to bring their own safety glasses and earmuffs**. We also ask for everyone to put their name and phone number on the earmuffs and safety glasses.

However, the club will have ear plugs available at cost price. The earplugs can be purchased at the shop counter.

**TGMC Website:** <https://www.tgmclub.com/>

We have a new web master updating our web page.

"Please bring along on club night something you've created at the club or from field trip finds. These are to be photographed and placed on a new montage page on the website."



## Health and Safety WORK SHOP TRAINING

Some important issues need to be addressed regarding the use of the work shop. As health and safety is important the committee have decided to close the work shop except for Tuesday night and club nights.

This is a temporary arrangement So we can evaluate and upgrade the workshop machinery as well as implement a training program To ensure everybody knows how to keep themselves safe and look after the machinery,

Thank you for your patience  
Feel free to contact Bryce on 027 6950606  
if you have questions or ideas  
they are always welcome .



## Special Note For July Field Trip

Sulphur Fieldtrip July 31st.



To be able to come on this Fieldtrip every individual driver will need to personally apply for a permit for access into the forestry.

If you think your vehicle will not handle a forestry road you will need to leave vehicle outside gate arrange with a permitted driver for a lift to fossicking site.

Email me if you are interested [grahmsgardens@outlook.co.nz](mailto:grahmsgardens@outlook.co.nz) and I will forward a step-by-step instruction on how to apply for permit. Cut-off date is 21st July.

A big thankyou to Charlie Harris for doing the ground work to make this trip possible.

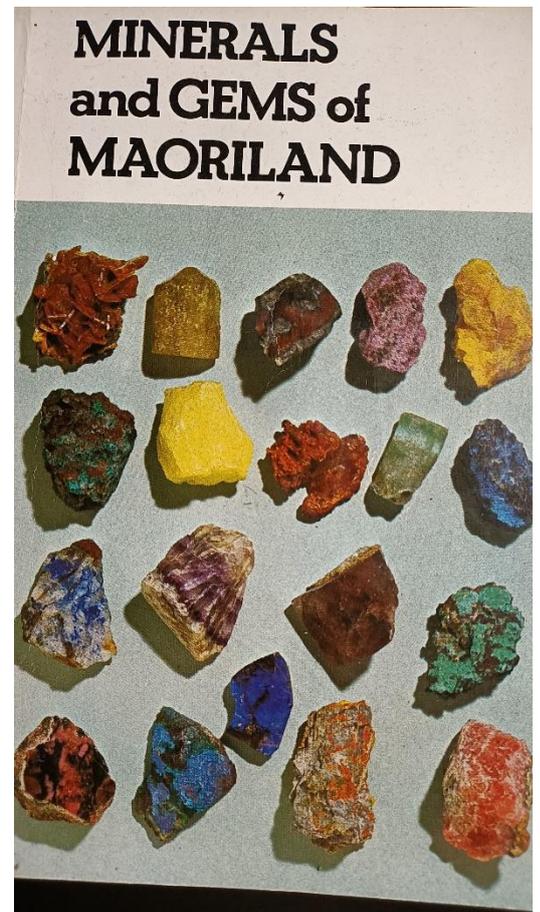
## BOOK REVIEW

Book Reviews for the newsletter can be emailed to Ian Mason  
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### Minerals and Gems of Maoriland By W.M.Campbell

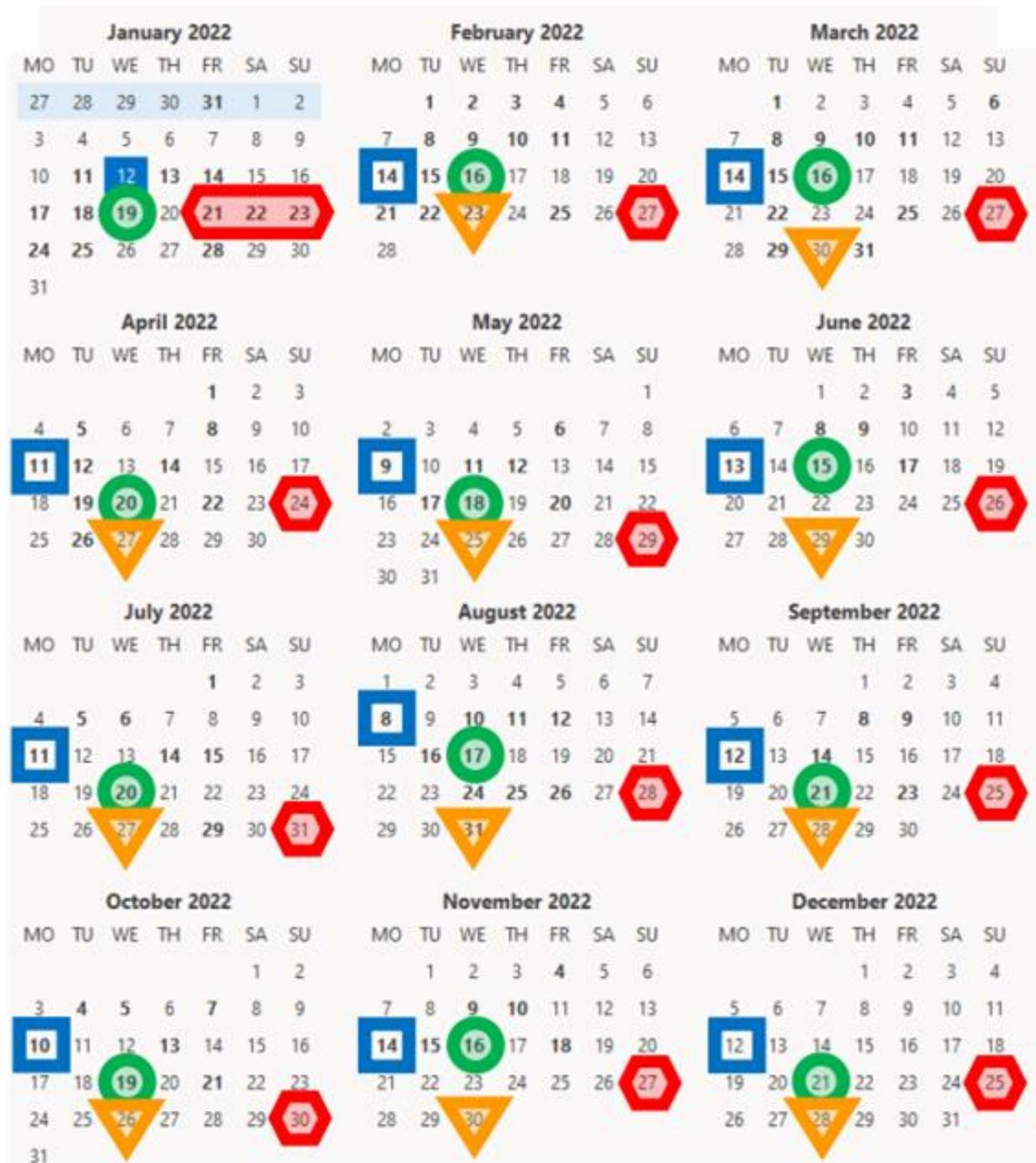
Old books are eagerly sought for especially books on New Zealand gemstones and or their location. I saw this book listed on trademe and had to get it. One of the big issues with old books is that they may not be as relevant as when they were first written as generations of fossickers may have depleted the finite resources stated that are there. However the information can be very helpful in understanding the geology of various locations and what can be expected to be found. This is one of those books, rich in resource detailing 402 minerals in 1500 locations as listed in chapter 5, most just the general area but enough for the determined as a starting point to begin ones research. Chapter 1 starts with – Lowly things are these pebbles, to the unthinking. Yet they include some of the most valuable treasure known..... Take in your hand a pebble and you hold, always, the condensed history of a geological era, often a petrified poem as fine as and more lasting than poets have ever written.

This book is a permanent reference to be consulted before a trip to any location to be aware of what may be found there, successful rockhounds possess two fine qualities – optimism and energy; with these and due care cabinets filled with treasure will certainly be yours within a handful of years. Take the effort to build your library as you build your collection.



Review by Gordon Sherwood

# TGMC 2022 Regular Activities Calendar



 **Club night**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
6:00pm children 7:30pm all club

 **Field Trip**  
Last Sunday

**Workshop night**  
Every Tuesday 6:00-7:30pm  
February through Nov

 **Committee meeting**  
3rd Wednesday 7:30pm

 **Collection Viewing Night**  
Last Wednesday 7:30pm

Updated 19 Jan 2022

## WANTED TO BUY

**Wanted to buy:** I am looking to buy any lapidary equipment. I am most hoping to find any slab / trim saw 8" or 10" or larger. Any equipment for cabbing & grinding. Contact: [kathy.gott@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.gott@gmail.com)

**Wanted to buy:** Collections of Minerals, Crystals and polished faces. Large or small, part or all.  
Contact Greg 575 3851.

**Wanted to buy:** Bob Vear is looking for NZ Fossils Ammonites and Trilobites or any interesting fossils. Location identified preferably. Contact Bob (07) 543 0660.

**Wanted:** Please drop off any surplus egg cartons at the shop for Ian Mason.

**Wanted to buy:** Gold, silver, any old or unwanted jewellery made of gold or silver for scrap. Top scrap prices paid. Contact Graeme on 07 577 1979 or 027 4496 960; email [carver.petersen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:carver.petersen@xtra.co.nz)

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FRASER COVE	corner of fraser & brook streets
OTUMOETA	95 ngatai road (near the otumoetai golf club)



**Don't Forget the silent auction  
next meeting Mon June 13th**



**What are the Birthstones  
for June?**

**Alexandrite**

**Pearl**

**Moonstone**

# WANTED TO BUY

Collections of minerals  
and crystals.

Lapidary material rough  
and cut.

Phone Greg 07 574 0905

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